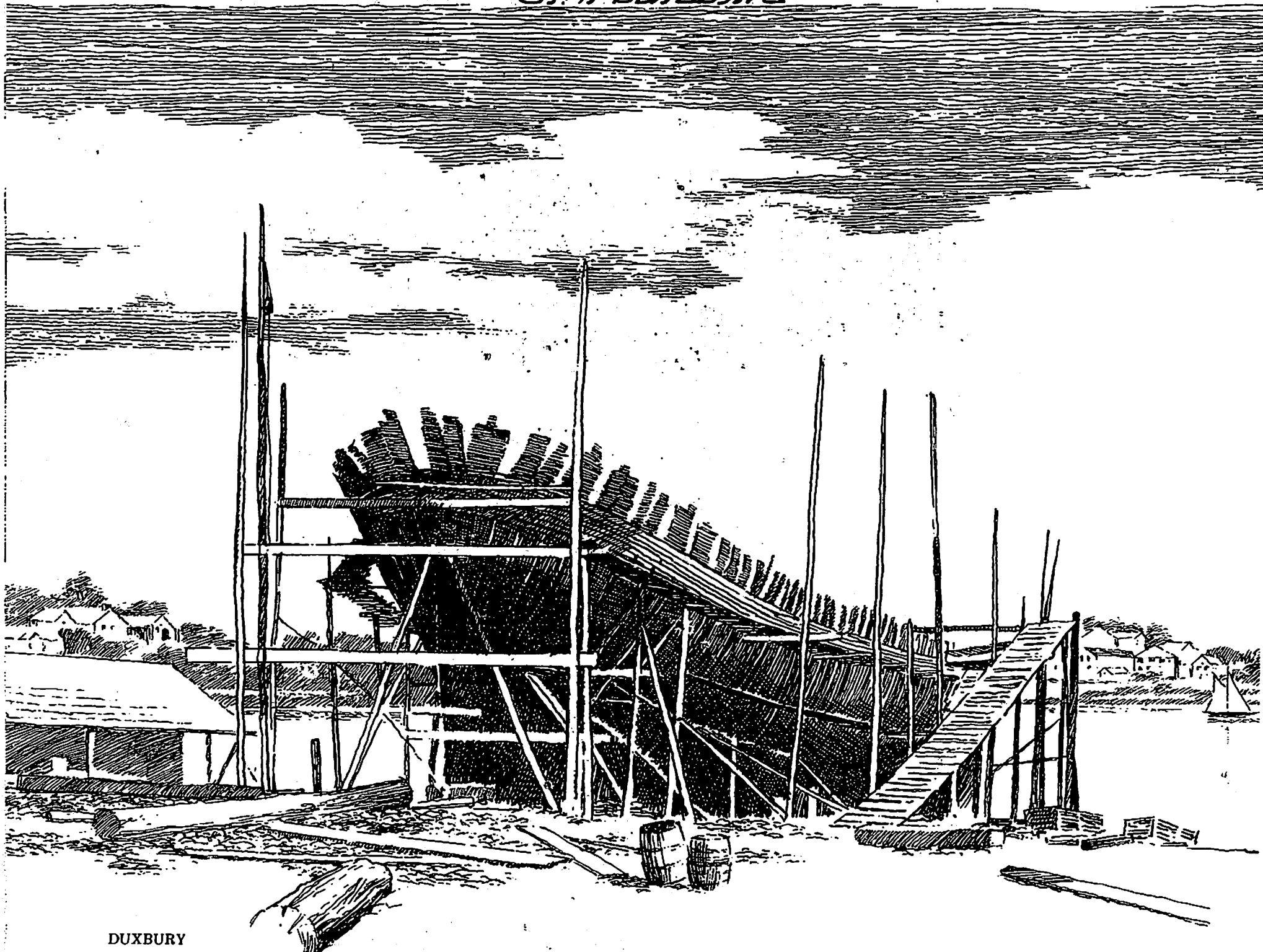


# SHIPBUILDING



DUXBURY

## SANDWICH

### **SANDWICH GLASS WORKS**

The first building of the Sandwich Glass Works was built in 1825 and opened its doors for operation on July 4, 1825. A public stock company was formed to operate the Glass Works and the factory expanded rapidly. With well over 500 employees, 4 furnaces with 10 pots in each furnace, and a four day, around the clock work week, the Glass Works reached its peak of operation in the 1850's.

Competition of cheaper glass from the Mid-West caused the Glass Works to upgrade to a more expensive product. In 1888, the Sandwich Glass Works went bankrupt and although several attempts were made to reopen, the Glass Works was torn down.

## WAREHAM

### **THE TREMONT IRON COMPANY**

The Tremont Iron Company was organized in 1845 and sold to Tremont Nail Company in 1858. A lineal descendent of the early iron works, Tremont Nail Company continues to the present time, enjoying a worldwide reputation for the excellence of its cut nails for durability, for exceedingly small percentage of impurities, and for rust resistance.

## SHARON

### **MANN'S MILL**

In 1831 George H. Mann bought the water privilege on a brook flowing from Massapoag Pond, from Joseph Warren Revere, son of Paul Revere, and erected a factory building, and put in machinery to manufacture cotton "tickings".

The Manns personally went to Maine to hire girls to work in the mill. They would work until they married and then more had to be recruited. By 1865, Mann's Mill used 121,523 pounds of flax yarn. There were 69,470 yards of cloth manufactured by three male and forty-four female employees.

The mill was destroyed by fire in 1919 never to be rebuilt.

## HYANNIS

### **THE BARNSTABLE INN**

The Barnstable Inn was the oldest hostelry on Cape Cod, in continuous operation until it burned November 20, 1971. The Inn is significant as a symbol of the tourism industry on the Cape. Situated on Old King's Highway, opposite the Barnstable County Superior Court House, the Inn was often used by weary travelers making the five day stagecoach run from Boston to Provincetown. Daniel Webster and Chief Justice Shaw were frequent guests.

## FALMOUTH

### **THE PACIFIC GUANO WORKS**

The Pacific Guano Works, built in 1885, is shown in a view westward from the present Woods Hole Yacht Club. Ships from Chile, Germany, Sicily and other coastal ports frequented the Pénzance Point industry for 30 years. Fertilizer was produced from sea bird droppings and menhaden bone scrap.

## PLYMOUTH

### **PLYMOUTH CORDAGE COMPANY**

In a view of the Plymouth Cordage Company in 1874, a schooner is unloading bales of fibre. The ropewalk is at right; brick, slate and field mills at left. Incorporated in 1824 by Bourne Spooner, for the purpose of supplying rope to area schooners, the earliest wages were 5 shillings (85c) a day for a common laborer and 2 shillings (\$1.16) a day for hand spooners. In the early 20th Century, Plymouth Cordage became known for its welfare programs, providing housing and education for workers and their families. The Cordage closed in 1965. Original Sketch Courtesy of Pilgrim Society

## DUXBURY

### **DUXBURY SHIPBUILDING**

Known for the excellent craftsmen, at its twenty-one shipyards, Duxbury shipbuilders sent ships to every port in the world during the shipbuilding heyday from 1780 to 1878. After the Civil War, larger vessels required a deeper harbor, and local materials were exhausted. Only the mariners large square rigged houses remain, a remembrance to a bygone era.

Shown, a view of the ship Samuel G. Reed under construction in 1869 in the Porter Keen Shipyard on Bluefish River.

## SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND

### **PEACEDALE MANUFACTURING COMPANY**

The Peacedale Manufacturing Company was founded in 1802 by Rowland Hazard and remained in the Hazard family until 1918 when it was sold to M.T. Stevens company of N. Andover, Massachusetts. This woolen mill, the first in the United States to utilize power looms, played a major role in Southern Rhode Island's economy during the 19th Century. Slave cloth, U.S. military uniforms, and ladies shawls were only some of the products of this enduring company.

## MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND

### **PECKHAM QUARRY**

The original sight of the Peckham Brothers Quarry has been in the family since 1702. The quarry has been owned and operated by the Peckham family for 8 generations and it is said to be the smallest and oldest quarry in the nation. The Peckham Quarry presently employs 17 workers and its main product is crushed, clear blue stone.

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD

### **MATTAKESSET HERRING CREEK**

Throughout the 19th Century, herring seining at Mattakeset Herring Creek in Edgartown, was big business. Huge quantities of herring were caught each spring as they swam up the creek to spawn. They were sold as bait or shipped to the West Indies to be used as food. Priscilla Pearls, a local industry, made imitation pearls from herring scales.

## SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

### **THE CRANBERRY INDUSTRY**

The great cranberry industry had its beginnings on Cape Cod in 1816 and by 1856 cranberries were being exported to London where they were sold in small bottles at four shillings sterling. Today, Ocean Spray is the largest cranberry growers co-operative in the world, representing 450 growers in Southeastern Massachusetts alone, where 11,200 acres are under cultivation. Fresh and processed cranberry products are distributed from the Middleboro facility to 3 dozen countries world wide. Sales for fiscal year 1985 were \$541,690,000.

## MARION/MATTAPOISETT

### **PACKET SHIPPING**

Packet Shipping was big business along Marion and Mattapoisett wharfs in the 19th Century. Lumber for building was brought in from nearby Rochester and shipped to Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and the Carolinas. Hard wood for shipbuilding was, in turn, imported from the South. Mattapoisett was once a great whaling shipbuilding center.